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SUBJ: US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

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1. DURING EARLIER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF ROMANIAN SECTION OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL VOLOSENIUC, WE BROUGHT UP MATTER OF UPGRADING ROMANIAN REPRESENTATION. SINCE WE HAD HAD NO REPLY, WE RECENTLY BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT AGAIN WITH THE ROMANIAN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTING THE INCLUSION OF MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES MIHAIL FLORESCU AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE NICOLAE NICOLAE, POINT OUT THAT THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IS NOT ONLY A PRIORITY INDUSTRY IN THE ROMANIAN ECONOMY BUT ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN US/ROMANIAN TRADE, AND THAT THE COORDINATING ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS GROWN BECAUSE OF THE RECENT EXPANSION OF OUR BILATERAL TRADE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO INCLUDE THESE TWO MINISTERS AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY. WE WILL KEEP PRESSING.

2. CONCERNING RECIPROCITY ON TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE ROMANIAN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY SENT A PROPOSAL TO THE US CHAMBER FOR A TWO-WAY FLOW OF TRAINEES AND INTERNS. PRESIDENT VOLOSENIUC SAID THAT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN SENT THROUGH THE ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NY, WHERE NAPOLEAN FODOR WILL FORWARD THEM

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TO WILSON AT THE US CHAMBER.

3. VOLOSENIUC ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE ROMANIAN SECTION HAD BEEN STUDYING PRE-ARBITRATION PROCEDURES AND HAD PREPARED A DRAFT PROPOSAL WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE US COUNCIL TO FOLLOW UP DAVID MORSE'S CONVERSATIONS HERE.

4. ROMANIAN COUNCIL HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THE REQUEST FOR COPIES OF SPEECHES, MINUTES OF MEETINGS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAST COUNCIL SESSION FOR PUBLICATION IN THE US AND PROMISED TO SEND THEM TO THE US COUNCIL AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. SOME ARE ALREADY ENROUTE.

5. VOLOSENIUC APPEARED PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNCILS AND SEEMS WILLING TO TAKE ACTION ON NEW SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS. MINISTER (STATE SECRETARY) FOR FOREIGN TRADE NICOLAE NICOLAE, HOWEVER, RECENTLY TOLD USE HE WAS THINKING OF WHAT ADDITIONAL

NEEDS COUNCIL COULD MEET. UNDER DISCUSSION IN ROMANIAN SECTION RIGHT NOW IS A PROPOSAL, STIMULATED BY OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH VOLOSENIUC TO FORM AN ACTION GROUP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE TO COORDINATE ROMANIAN EFFORTS IN BUSINESS FACILITATION FOR RESIDENT AND VISITING US FIRMS.

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